

## MILITARY BALLOON MAKES TRIAL TRIPS

FIRST ONE EVER MADE IN ENGLAND IS TESTED.

APPEARS TO BE A SUCCESS.

Machine is Easily Handled, is Able to Travel with or Against the Wind and is Capable of Being Steered.

Farnborough, England, Sept. 11.—The first military dirigible balloon built in this country made two trial trips Tuesday and with the exception of a slight hitch caused by the breaking of a belt in the machinery that drove the cooling fan, the airship appears to have met all the expectations of its inventors.

The recent success of French and German army airships awakened a great degree of interest in England on the subject of aerostatics. Reports of the trials to be held yesterday leaked out and the military authorities, who have been trying to mystify the public, found themselves obliged to carry out the trials in the presence of several hundred persons. Among the crowd were representatives of a number of foreign nations intent upon obtaining all possible information on the novel points of the balloon's construction.

The English airship proved capable of being easily handled, able to travel with and against the wind, and most important of all, capable of being steered. The balloon was in charge of Col. Capper, Capt. King and S. S. Cook, an American who has spent a number of years in the British service in charge of the kite section of the army. After making a semicircle of about two miles around Farnborough and Cove Common, an accident occurred to the engine and a spite of the throwing out of ballast, which the airship carried 500 pounds, the balloon settled down near some trees. The defect which developed is only slight and can easily be remedied.

During the trip the wind blew at the rate of 15 miles and the airship had no difficulty in navigating against it. She rode gently like a vessel in a sea-way. The machine, responding to the movements of the canvas, sailed like a rubber, traveled in a wide circle of about two miles in circumference at the rate of about five miles an hour. She had almost completed the circle when the engines stopped suddenly, owing to the breaking of a belt, and the ship settled down gradually, drifting near a clump of trees. A detachment of engineers rushed up and, setting hold of the trailing ropes, dragged the ship out of danger.

At the second trial the machinery worked with perfect smoothness. Various evolutions were performed and the ship completed a three-mile circle at an altitude of about half a mile. She then descended not far from her shed.

This new airship is a sunshade-shaped balloon about 100 feet long by 30 feet in diameter. It has a lifting capacity of about one ton, which, after deducting the weight of the car, engines and other apparatus, permits the carriage of a crew of three men of average weight. The car is shaped like a boat and built of aluminum and canvas. The petrol for the motors is carried in two torpedo-like cylinders above the car.

Meyer Favors a Parcel Post.

Marblehead, Mass., Sept. 11.—Postmaster General George Von L. Meyer, who was a speaker at the annual outing of the Essex Republican club held here Tuesday, outlined some of his plans for his conduct of the post office department. He said that one of his recommendations to congress this fall would be for a bill to establish a parcel post. He spoke enthusiastically of his project for postal savings banks and said that these would not compete with ordinary savings banks. He believed the establishment of such banks would be of great benefit to rural communities. He indicated his intention to extend the rural delivery system.

Berry's "Hazers" are Arrested.

Washington, Pa., Sept. 11.—Following the torture of the Berry at the local plant of the Tyler Tube and Pipe Co. Monday, in which it was feared that the victim was so badly burned by being swung over a furnace that he would die, the police have arrested four alleged gangsters of the name of 25 and who were who are said to have "initiated" Berry upon his securing a position in the mill. They were given a hearing and released under bail. It is now believed Berry will recover.

Georgia's Negro Legislator Resigns.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 11.—W. H. Rogers, of McIntosh county, the only colored member of the Georgia legislature, has resigned his seat in the general assembly. He gave no reason for his action, but it is said that the passage of the negro disfranchisement bill by the last legislature influenced him.

Threw Himself Under a Steam Roller.

Milwaukee, Sept. 11.—Charles Farley, of Decatur, Ill., threw himself under a big steam roller on exhibition at the state fair Tuesday. Death was instant. Farley was an inmate of a Milwaukee sanitarium.

Murderer Preferred Suicide to Arrest.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Edward J. Hill, a painter 29 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head Tuesday when about to be arrested for the murder of Mrs. Anna Westfield, at whose home he was a boarder.

Train Robbers Secured \$50,000.

Tonk, Siberia, Sept. 11.—The Siberian postal train was held up by highwaymen Tuesday at a point 15 miles from here. They separated the engine from the freight car and then seized \$50,000, with which they escaped.



## G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT BEGINS SESSIONS

GOV. HUGHES WELCOMES VETERANS TO SARATOGA.

A SILVER JUBILEE OFFERING

From Women's Relief Corps Is Presented to the Grand Army—Missouri Man Leads in Race for Commander-in-Chief.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 11.—With the formal welcome of Gov. Hughes of New York, the forty-first national Grand Army of the Republic encampment was opened in Convention hall last evening. Six thousand veterans, members of the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic organizations filled the hall to overflowing. The decorations were elaborate, red, white and blue completely filling the interior of the hall. Gov. Hughes and the Grand Army of the Republic officers were given an ovation.

In addition to the governor many speakers at the Grand Army of the Republic made addresses, including Robert Bruce Brown, of Zanesville, O., national commander of the G. A. R.; James Tanner, of Washington, ex-commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.; and John Ireland, chairman-in-chief of the organization, and United States Senator Macomber, of South Dakota.

At the meeting, Mrs. Charlie Sparklin, of St. Louis, national president of the Women's Relief Corps, presented to the Grand Army the silver jubilee offering, which was raised by the Women's Relief Corps posts in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their organization. The gift was received by Commander-in-Chief Brown.

Indications point to the election of Charles R. Burton, of Nevada, Mo., as commander-in-chief. At a caucus held last night Burton was endorsed by the departments of New York, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin. His election would continue in power the present forces which control the Grand Army, which is probable that Lewis R. Griffith, of Troy, N. Y., will be chosen, and for junior commander C. C. Royce, of San Francisco, appears likely to be elected.

Highball Defeats Sonoma Girl.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 11.—The weather was threatening during the second day's program of the Grand Circuit races at the state fair, but it did not rain until just before the fourth heat of the 2:12 trot. This heat was raced in semi-darkness, and the finish was postponed until today. The purse of the race was \$1,000, and the State stake for 2:14 trotters worth \$10,000, and it was won in commanding style by Ed Geers, with Highball. Sonoma Girl was in the race, but the best she could do was to finish third. In the two final heats after capturing second position in the first. In the two latter heats she was beaten by Wilkes Heart.

An Alaskan Volcano Gets Busy.

Seattle, Sept. 11.—Advices received here from an officer of the revenue cutter Rush, lying at Dutch Harbor, say that on September 1 and 2 a volcano in the Aleutian Islands erupted, sending tons of ashes and cinders over a score or more of native villages. A hurricane accompanied the phenomenon and wild fowl of all kinds were driven far to sea. No lives were reported lost.

Burglar Murdered a Woman.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Mary Lawless Rorschach, wife of Lieut. Frank Rorschach, of the navy, and sister of Joseph T. Lawless, former secretary of state of Virginia, was murdered in her home in Portsmouth, by an unknown burglar early Tuesday. She was shot through the heart with her own pistol, taken from her hand by the burglar after she had fired twice upon him through an open door leading into the kitchen where he was. Edward Thomas Archer, militia, was arrested at his home in Portsmouth as a suspect. The negro denied any knowledge of the crime.

## MINOR MENTION.

The failure of Thayer Bros., brokers, is announced on the New York stock exchange.

Harry C. Kessler, U. S. A., retired, is dead at Philadelphia. He served during the civil war with the One Hundred and Fourth Pennsylvania volunteers.

George S. Stoll, a real estate man who left his home at Whiting, Ind., August 27 to come to Chicago on business, has not been seen by relatives since. When he left home Stoll had nearly \$5,000 in cash.

A reduction of \$2 a share in the quarterly dividend of the Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining Co. is announced. The directors of the company have declared a dividend of \$15 a share against \$20 three months ago. Gus Ormsby, a fisherman, while lifting his nets off Van Buren Point, in Lake Erie, has discovered the wreck of the propeller Dean Richmond, which was lost in a storm with all on board during a gale in October, 1893. The Dean Richmond has a cargo of lead and copper ore valued at \$200,000.

Farmer Murdered His Neighbor.

Edwardsville, Ill., Sept. 11.—Charles W. Hoste, a farmer living near Alhambra, walked into the office of Sheriff Jones here Tuesday and surrendered himself, claiming he had killed Charles Hoste, a farmer living on a farm adjoining his. His story was not believed at first, but investigation revealed it to be true and Hoste was arrested on the charge of manslaughter and released on \$5,000 bond. The two quarreled Monday. Hoste declared he had cut Hoste with a knife, in self-defense. He put Hoste in a wagon and drove home. Hoste died Monday night.

Disgraces British Diplomacy.

St. Johns, N. E., Sept. 11.—In a statement published here Sir Robert Bond, promoter of Newfoundland, declared that the modus vivendi recently agreed upon by the British and American governments is "a disgrace to British diplomacy and a shameful sacrifice of the interests of the people of this colony. The new agreement, which is to be in force for one year, pending the settlement of the whole fisheries question by The Hague tribunal, is virtually identical with that of last year, according to the premier.

A Boodler Is Ousted.

St. Louis, Sept. 11.—The biennial conference of the International Association of Machinists on Tuesday voted to oust Delegate George Warner, of New York City, who was accused of receiving \$10,000 from the Erie Railway Co. a year ago to use his influence in preventing strikes. Warner admitted he received \$25,000 from the Erie railway for the same purpose. He was expelled from the association.

Fatally Shot His Wife.

Old City, Pa., Sept. 11.—"I have shot my wife. You will find her lying in the street. I think she is dead," said James Strahl, as he walked into the police station Tuesday and surrendered himself. Officers found on a street corner a woman mortally wounded. Strahl had lived apart from his wife and 12-year-old son and had been working in a lumber camp. Mrs. Strahl had supported herself and son by working in a restaurant.

A Massacre of Jews.

Braila, Rumania, Sept. 11.—News has reached here of another serious anti-Jewish outbreak at Kishinev. Eighty Jews lost their lives in encounters with the populace. The outbreak occurred Monday. The Jewish quarter was attacked by bands of ruffians, who looted houses and shops, and killed or wounded all those who attempted to defend their property. The Jews are fleeing from Kishinev.

Murdered Man Was Eaten by Hogs.

Baltimore, Sept. 11.—Arrested last evening on charges of criminal assault, committed upon two 8-year-old girls, Joseph Green, colored, 21 years old, is now held by the police as the alleged murderer of a tramp whose body the negro is said to have afterward thrown into a hog pen, where it was eaten by the animals.

Father and Son Murdered.

Pittsburg, Sept. 11.—Two Italians, John Rizzo and his son, were murdered last night at McKeesport, following a quarrel over a recent Black Hand murder.

## VASTLY DIFFERENT ARE TWO DECISIONS

A FEDERAL JUDGE UPHOLDS STATE'S RIGHT

TO FIX RAILROAD RATES.

Two Common Pleas Court Judges at Philadelphia Declare Pennsylvania Two Cent Fare Law Unconstitutional.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 11.—In the hearing before Judge Lochren in the United States district court Tuesday E. S. Robert, attorney for the Northern Pacific Railway Co., asked leave to file an amended petition in the rate fixer now being made by the railroad of Minnesota against the two cent passenger rate and a reduced freight rate order by the state legislature.

Mr. Robert cited a number of authorities to show that the regulation of commerce and transportation rested wholly with congress. He admitted that the state had a right to regulate interstate commerce and transportation, but beyond the confines of the state, the state's authority ceased.

Judge Lochren heard Mr. Robert through and then informed him that he had no case, saying: "In my mind, most of the cases which have been cited on behalf of the complainants are distinguished from the case at bar. It is further a question in the mind of the court whether the interference here complained of is sufficiently direct to make the order and the acts invalid. I shall wait this point made more sufficiently clear than it has been."

This was a stunning blow to the attorneys for the railroads, and the result was a conference and a change of tactics and the request to file an amended petition, which was granted. The amended petition alleges confiscation. This had been pleaded in regard to passenger rates, but now the same is alleged in regard to commodity rates, and it is shown that the case will be fought.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11.—Judges Wilson and Audenried in common pleas court Tuesday declared unconstitutional the two cent railroad fare law passed by the last legislature. The case upon which the decision was made will be at once taken to the state supreme court.

The decision of the court takes up 110 typewritten pages. After reviewing its limitations in the present case and declaring the "Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is not bound by any immunity from the exercise of the power of the legislature to regulate rates," the court takes up the contention of the company that the two cent rate is unreasonable, sustains the contention and grants the injunction asked for.

Smuggled Finery Is Seized.

Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 11.—Information leaked out Tuesday of a \$4,000 seizure Sunday of alleged smuggled goods, silk waists, dresses and velvet coats which the local custom house officers had seized at the Port Huron custom house. The goods were found in a wagon and drove home. Hoste died Monday night.

Big Bond Issue was Oversubscribed.

New York, Sept. 11.—After two failures to dispose of bonds with which to meet its obligations, the city of New York met with unexpected success Tuesday in having a \$10,000,000 issue of 4 1/2 per cent. bonds more than five times oversubscribed. There were offers for \$207,159,420 worth of the bonds, 886 bidders being willing to take the bonds at figures ranging from par to 110.

Trolley Car Ran Away.

Allentown, Pa., Sept. 11.—Wet rails cost the life of one man and resulted in the serious injury of five other persons at Nazareth last night. A car of the Lehigh Valley Transit Co. which was descending a steep grade got beyond control of the motorman and, jumping the tracks at a sharp curve, turned turtle, crushing John D. Owens, a Bethlehem photographer, to death.

Suicided Because Friend Died.

Long Beach, Cal., Sept. 11.—After longling with the thought that he did not expect to live long, William Harburt, an aged resident of this city, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. His action is attributed to grief over the death of a friend which occurred two months ago. Harburt's nephew lives in Niles, O. The suicide left a comfortable estate.

Sand Sucker Turned Turtle.

Kenosha, Wis., Sept. 11.—Two men were drowned and several others narrowly escaped death Tuesday when the sand sucker H. A. Root turned turtle in the harbor and sank in 26 feet of water.

Michigan Will Have Two Cent Fare.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 11.—All the railroads in Michigan have agreed to adopt the two cent passenger rate law when it takes effect September 28.

Oldest Editor Retires.

Pittsburg, Sept. 11.—John N. Hazlett, city editor of the Pittsburg Leader for 40 years, has resigned from the position and retired from active newspaper work. "The chief" as Mr. Hazlett is widely known, is said to be the oldest living city editor in America in continuous service. Probably to Mr. Hazlett more than any other one man, was due the early exploitation of Ira D. Sankey, the singer, who was later to achieve fame on two continents in connection with Frank Moody and the late Francis Murphy, temperance advocate.

## BUCKEYE NEWS NUGGETS.

Rev. Tinsley Is Defiant.

Cleveland, Sept. 11.—Rev. Albert Tinsley, of Youngstown, said yesterday that the men who are reported as intending to prefer charges of heresy against him at the session of the East Ohio Methodist conference which meets here to-day will find themselves going up against a buzz saw. It is said that there will be no trial.

Queer Statement in Divorce Petition.

Sandusky, O., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Frida Heyder, wife of Adam Heyder, a fisherman, has sued for divorce and alimony. She says she went to live with Heyder in 1898 as his legal wife, but without formal marriage ceremony, it being his request that she take his name. She says he has \$10,000 in the bank.

Preparing for a Dedication.

Springfield, O., Sept. 11.—Elaborate plans are being laid by local Odd Fellows for the dedication of a new wing of the state home here, October 31. Many prominent Odd Fellows from other cities will assist in the exercises. The new wing contains 60 rooms and will afford much better accommodations for the residents.

Contest for Commander Is Warm.

Sandusky, O., Sept. 11.—The contest for commander-in-chief of the United Spanish-American War Veterans was warm and friends of five candidates are working like Trojans. Col. Walter Hale, of California, seems to have a slight lead, with Commander H. H. of the Michigan department. In the foreground as a possible compromise candidate. The feature of Tuesday's session was the adoption of a resolution calling upon state legislatures to enact laws prohibiting the use of Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner" in schools except in its entirety.

A Shortage of Mine Workers.

Columbus, O., Sept. 11.—A serious shortage of mine laborers is confronting the West Virginia coal operators and Columbus people who are interested in the West Virginia mines will go to Charleston September 19 to attend a meeting of operators at which the question of securing more miners will be discussed. The shortage is the result of the big increase in production in the district. It is probable that steps will be taken to induce miners from western and southern states to remove to West Virginia.

Situation Approaches a Deadlock.

Cleveland, Sept. 11.—A situation approaching a deadlock between the county and East Cleveland authorities developed Tuesday in the Phillips murder case. The county prosecutor's office announced that it was through except for the presentation to the grand jury next week of such evidence as the East Cleveland police might gather. Chief Stamberger, of the East Cleveland police, announced that he was through; that the case of the state now rested with the prosecutor.

Elected Officers.

Cincinnati, Sept. 11.—The national convention of the Young Men's Institute concluded its business sessions Tuesday with the election of officers and a banquet last night at the Burnet house. The following officers were elected and installed: President, A. N. P. Leonard, Youngstown, O. Vice president, John P. Griffin, Cumberland, Md. Second vice president, Joseph M. Johnson, of Grand Secretary, B. J. Monahan, Cincinnati, Grand treasurer, A. J. McNally, Zanesville, O.

Judge Lawrence Praises Johnson.

Cleveland, Sept. 11.—Certain acts of Mayor Johnson in directing the low fare railway fight in this city were not only upheld but commended in a decision handed down by Judge Lawrence in common pleas court Tuesday. Lawyers interested in the case say the ruling of the court is one of the biggest victories the low fare cause has won in connection with the long line of injunction suits brought by the Cleveland Electric Railway Co.

Wants \$5,000 Damages.

Bellefontaine, O., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Job Bushong has sued Mrs. Josephine Alsbaugh for \$5,000 damages for alleged alienation of the affections of her husband. Mrs. Bushong says that she and her husband lived happily together for 24 years. About two years ago her husband became acquainted with Mrs. Alsbaugh. Since that time his love for his wife has waned, she alleges. She blames Mrs. Alsbaugh for the loss.

Railway Commission Is Enjoined.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 11.—The Burlington, Northwestern and Union Pacific railroads on Tuesday secured an injunction in the federal court to prevent the state railway commission from reducing the freight rates on grain and will contest the authority of the commission in the matter.

Boys Eat Bananas and Died.

Tishpening, Mich., Sept. 11.—Poisoned as a result, it is believed, of eating bananas, two small sons of August Schaffer, living on a farm near here, are dead, a daughter is seriously ill and August Schaffer, ex, grandfather of the children, is convalescent after a severe attack of sickness ascribed to the same cause. The four persons mentioned were the only members of the family to partake of the fruit.

Train Killed Five Negro Gamblers.

Newburg, W. Va., Sept. 11.—Five negroes who were sitting on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks near this place Tuesday, engaged in shooting craps, were run down and killed by a train.

Crafty Ruralites.

"I told the old farmer they were making collar buttons up in town out of old potatoes," whispered the city boarder who had just arrived. "You better be careful," whispered his friend. "Why so?" "Well, the farmers won't admit that the city folks can get ahead of them. Next thing they will be trying to make potatoes out of old collar buttons."

## DOG'S DAY IS OVER

AT LEAST SO THINKS ONE WEARY PILGRIM.

Writing in Tribulation and Sorrow He Recounts His Sufferings and Consigns the Whole Race to Perdition.

"I have come to the conclusion," said the weary pilgrim, who was in a shocking humor, "that this world would worry along some how if they want no dogs. 'Course, long ago they had their uses, though I ain't never had no use fer em.

"The monks of Saint Bernard kept a lot of big dogs one time an' named 'em 'place in honor of th' saints. An' the monks would send them out on bad nights an' try to lose them, but allus some tourist 'ad find th' stray an' lug him back home. Each dog carried a little barrel of cooze on his collar an' in that way made himself popular with total strangers. Them days are past now. They have moved th' Swiss Tyrol to th' Chicago amusement parks. So th' dogs, bein' out of a job, ain't no more use 'o nobody.

"Oh, yes I allus hev a dog about. But from greetin' him with shoe leather an' profanity every time he make a plumb fool of himself I'm wore to a shadder. An' every time I am be-reaved of a dog by some blame dog thief I vow I won't never hev another. But it never ain't very long till some one else sticks me fer a thoroughbred pointer with a pedigree made on th' spur o' th' moment.

"I brought one home th' other night and put him in a nice box of straw. He waited till I was abed and then he set up th' worst lament you ever heard. I went down an' shut him in th' barn. Three minutes later I put him in th' henhouse. No good. He was back under th' winder recidin' th' works of Edgar Allan Poe as per several times previous. Then I went down an' turned a washbasin over the pup an' set on it. I lit a pipe an' sold down the wallin' monster for three hours. Then th' ol' woman stuck her head out th' winder an' said she hated to but in an' of course I was a-doin' th' best that could be did, but how would it do to tie th' dog in the outhouse? 'Tie him up! Shucks! I never thought of that. It worked fine.

"They say a dog is man's best friend. That's all right, but you never kin tell which man. I hev a large freckled kyoodle once that would run th' grocery boy off th' place, chase th' new minister up a apple tree, scare th' wash lady into gallopin' compulsion 'an' then escort a frowsy tramp up to th' house a-waggin' his tail plumb up to his ears. I got sore at the dog when he halted me one night an' jus' wouldn't let me come anigh th' house. I got an armful of paving stones an' had him two holes in th' kitchen wall 'an' I discovered in th' most natural way in th' world thov th' dog was be-hind me chavin' my leg. An' only thot mornin' the brute had let a bill collector walk right into th' house.

"Yes, sir, th' dog has outlived his usefulness. All dogs has, from th' bow-legged bulldog to th' monkey-faced pug. Dorsome the doggone dogs!"—G. A. Thompson, in Chicago Daily News.

A Favorite Resort.

Marienbad, whither King Edward goes for his annual "cure," was almost unknown a century ago. It was virtually discovered by Dr. Nehr, who published a booklet in 1813 describing the marvelous results upon patients of his who had been drinking the waters. But Dr. Nehr recommended that all invalids regarding to Marienbad should take their beds with them, because no accommodation whatever was then provided in such a sequestered spot. Matters had not much improved in 1820, when Goethe visited Marienbad and drank the waters, for he wrote to a friend: "I feel as if I were in the American solitudes, where the forests are cut down to build up a city within three years." Nearly 20,000 valetudinarians now annually make pilgrimage to Marienbad.—Dundee Advertiser.

First Universal Language.

One of the earliest and most confident attempts to establish a universal language on the lines of the modern Esperanto was that of Sir Thomas Troubridge, who in 1653 issued his "Introduction to a universal language which for variety of diction in each part of speech surmounteth all the languages of the world." An expectant public was bidden to look out for subsequent volumes, but they never arrived. Bishop Wilkins, who flourished about the same period, had his own ideas about a universal language, but they did not materialize. He was an optimist of the first degree, and was firmly convinced that it would be possible to communicate with the moon by means of flying machines.

Not Charlie's Gum.

"Now, Charlie," said the sweet-faced little woman, "before you come into Sunday school, don't you think it would be nice to take your gum out of your mouth?" "Yesum; but it ain't mine, it's my brudder's."

The Size of It.

Daggs (reading the morning paper)—I see that a trust has a grip on the South African mines, and that it is likely the price of diamonds will go up.

Mrs. Daggs—What a shame! How do these mougellets expect na poor folks to live?

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